

SHAREEF MALIK RASHEED,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS M. RINI, *et al.*,

Defendants.

OPINION & ORDER

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, a court “may authorize the commencement, prosecution, or defense of any suit, action or proceeding, civil or criminal, or appeal therein, without prepayment of fees or security therefor, by a person who submits an affidavit that includes a statement of all assets such [person] possesses that the person is unable to pay such fees or give security therefor.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1). Whether to allow a litigant to proceed *in forma pauperis* is within the discretion of the district court, and an application is properly denied where the litigant fails to provide information concerning his expenses and financial obligations, as required, such that the court may make a determination as to his ability to pay the filing fee. *Flippin v. Coburn*, 107 F. App’x 520, 521(6th Cir. 2004).

The plaintiff has not provided information regarding his income, expenses, and financial situation as directed on his application, or sufficient to allow this Court to find that he meets the criteria of poverty necessary to proceed *in forma pauperis*. He simply wrote “0” in every blank on his application without any explanation as to how he survives with no income, no assets, no debts, no expenses, and no assistance from others.

Because the plaintiff has failed to provide information sufficient to determine whether he meets the criteria to proceed *in forma pauperis*, his application to do so (Doc. No. 2) is denied, and this action will be dismissed without prejudice. Should the plaintiff wish to pursue his action, he must file a new case accompanied by the full filing fee of \$400, or an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* demonstrating he meets the criteria of poverty. The Court certifies, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), that an appeal from this decision could not be taken in good faith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 25, 2019

s/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE